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Dr. Nicholson's chief objection to utilitarianism seems however to be the old one that it is a counsel of perfection we cannot attain unto and that it lends itself to a casuistry which destroys its usefulness. We have said that Dr. Nicholson seems to find his true economic ideal in a somewhat esoteric Christianity. In the last chapter of the book he gives a confession of faith—a practice which appears to be becoming quite common with writers on the various sciences. For many this chapter setting forth in brief form what is really evangelicalism tinged with rationalism and evolutionism will be of much interest. We cannot but feel that whatever its intrinsic merit or interest it is out of place. It is unnecessary to say that the whole volume maintains the literary style and force which are associated with Dr. Nicholson's writing.

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THE HAND OF GOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY. By Robert Ellis Thompson, S. T. D. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

We feel that if it were not for what Dr. Thompson would probably regard the chief virtue of his book, namely the preaching, his sketch of the development of our great nation from the early Colonial days to the end of the war with Spain would be very satisfactory. There is nothing more easy, and nothing less convincing, than to show how Providence does things. One simply chooses those points in which we have prospered to illustrate "His" (Dr. Thompson slips once, and refers to Providence as "It") fostering care; and those points in which we have been afflicted to illustrate His just chastisement. The whole method is unscientific in the extreme; and it is all the more deplorable in a man who has confessed (p. 57) that "it is not permitted for any one to play privy councillor to the Almighty."

Barring this fundamental dissatisfaction with Dr. Thompson's book, then, we may recognize the careful, lucid, patriotic sketch of American history which he has written. Especially good, it seems to us, are his account of the estrangement between the colonies and the mother country following on the Restoration of the Stuarts, and his emphasis on the contributions of the earlier immigrant to our national unity.

Besides occasional infelicities of style, there are one or two

pieces of carelessness in the book. On page 60, for example, the author classes Gates with Burgoyne, Howe, and Carleton, as a British general—our hero of Saratoga! And twice on page 183 he speaks of the war with Spain as coming “in the summer of 1899.”

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